

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Bethel Search and Rescue****Federal Tax ID: 92-0153349****Project Title:**

Bethel Search and Rescue - Search and Rescue Equipment Purchase

State Funding Requested: \$ 75,530**House District: 38 - S**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Purchase equipment for the volunteer Bethel Search and Rescue to help Alaska State Troopers in search and rescue deployments

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$75,530**Funding Secured

Amount FY

Other Pending Requests

Amount FY

Anticipated Future Need

Amount FY

There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Bethel Search and Rescue performs the important health/life/safety function of assisting the Alaska State Troopers in search and rescue operations in the Bethel area. This equipment purchase request would help fund the purchase of items needed to better fulfill that function. An Argo all terrain vehicle, trail marking supplies, drag bars, satellite phones, VHF radios, radio tower, dry suits, night vision goggles and chainsaws are all required by Bethel Search and Rescue to better assist in public safety duties.

Two searches this year had to be aborted due to unsafe ice conditions, and searchers endured dangerous conditions during this year's K-300 dogsled race. An amphibious vehicle would allow them to respond to these kinds of instances much more effectively.

Acknowledgement of these requests would greatly enhance Bethel Search and Rescue's ability to respond to emergencies - and in turn - save lives.

Project Timeline:

Summer 2008

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Bethel Search and Rescue

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

Contact Name: Peter Atchak

Phone Number: 543-2957

Address: PO Box Bethel, AK 99559

Email:

Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No



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To: Rep. Mary Nelson
Sen. Lyman Hoffman

From: Bethel Search & Rescue
Tax ID#: 92-0153349
Christopher Ho, Secretary

Re: Funding Request

March 3, 2008

Dear Representative Nelson and Senator Hoffman,

Bethel Search & Rescue is a non-profit volunteer organization that coordinates search efforts for people who are reported missing or overdue. We also do trail marking and open water marking in the Bethel area. Our work aids and supports the Alaska State Troopers' mission, and our efforts rely solely on volunteer participation.

In our continuing efforts to improve our ability to help the people in our area, we are requesting funds to purchase needed search and rescue equipment. We are also seeking funds to move our equipment storage shed to its new location; closer to the river, which will enable us to achieve faster response times.

Requested equipment includes tools for winter searches (sleds, chain-saws, ice augers, etc.), supplies for marking winter trails, communication (VHF radios, GPS, satellite phones, VHF radio tower), and custom-made drag bars for summer body recovery efforts.

We are also requesting funds to purchase an Argo amphibious vehicle for rescue during spring thaw and fall freeze-up conditions. Two searches this year had to be aborted due to unsafe ice conditions, and our searchers endured dangerous conditions during this year's K-300 Dogsled Race. An amphibious vehicle would allow us to respond to these kinds of instances much more effectively.

Acknowledgement of these requests would greatly enhance Bethel Search and Rescues' ability to respond to emergencies - and in turn - save lives. We are a non-profit, 100% volunteer organization, and we appreciate any support you can offer.

Thank you,

Bethel Search & Rescue

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Re: Funding request breakdown:

Item	Quantity	Price	Total
24" Stihl chain saw	1	\$750	\$750
20" Stihl chain saw	1	\$650	\$650
Ice auger	2	\$700	\$1,400
Equinox snowmobile sled	2	\$1,500	\$3,000
GPS Rino 530 HCx	8	\$510	\$4,080
VHF M72 handheld radio	10	\$220	\$2,200
VHF radio base stations	4	\$350	\$1,400
Satellite Phone Iridium/ SIM cards	3	\$1,850	\$5,550
EPLB locator beacon	5	\$400	\$2,000
60' VHF radio tower/ installation	1	\$2,850	\$2,850
Winter trail and open water marking supplies (reflective tapes, stand-up markers)		\$15,000	\$15,000
Cell phone/service	1	\$650	\$650
Drag bars	10	\$200	\$2,000
Dry Suit	2	\$2,000	\$4,000
Storage building moved to new location closer to the river		\$12,000	\$12,000
Argo 8-wheel amphibious vehicle for freeze-up/break-up rescue	1	\$18,000	\$18,000
			TOTAL \$ 75, 530